

Council Meeting of  
May 9, 2006

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Recommendation to recognize Arthur L. Callen as a recipient of the 41<sup>ST</sup> Annual Older Americans Recognition Award**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation of the City Manager that Your Honorable Body recognize Arthur L. Callen, in addition to Owen H. Griffith, as a recipient of the County of Los Angeles 41st Annual Older Americans Recognition Award and present him with an appropriately inscribed plaque.

### **Funding**

Not applicable.

### **BACKGROUND**

Since 1990, Arthur L. Callen has served the City of Torrance as a writer, producer, and host of programming on CitiCABLE, the government access cable television channel. Art has produced more than 300 programs that focus on senior citizens, their daily lives, and issues directly impacting seniors, individual profiles of their contributions to the community, service organizations, and much more. He has also found time to serve on the Torrance Commission on Aging and is very active in the Kiwanis Club since 1970. Upon reflection of Art's significant contributions to the City, the City Manager's Office believed it was time he was recognized. Based on our nomination, the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging selected Arthur L. Callen to be honored at its 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Older Americans Recognition Day Ceremony on May 17, 2006.

### **ANALYSIS**

Arthur L. Callen and wife Bobbie moved to Torrance in 1953. Since that time they raised three daughters, and now have three grandchildren. His tour of duty in the United States Army during World War II, his experience as a Golden Gloves Boxer and other sports, and interests in the community prepared him for a successful career in

education. He taught middle and high school, served as principal, sports trainer, and even found time as stadium announcer during athletic events. Upon retirement, his drive to serve led him to volunteer with the Office of Cable Communications as an announcer and today as writer, producer, and host of the Senior Scene. Art refused to receive payment for his efforts year after year. At the urging of his supervisors, he eventually accepted a paid part-time position, which has now spanned 16 years.

For his tireless and dedicated commitment to community service, Arthur L. Callen is clearly deserving of this special recognition.

Respectfully submitted,

LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager

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